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## PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: **Thursday, October 19, 2006 / 9:30 A.M.**  
Date/Time of Occurrence: **Wednesday, October 18, 2006 / 10:30 P.M.**  
Nature of Call: **Fugitive Arrested After Shootout With Deputies**  
Location of Call: **9500 block of Happy Hollow Lane, Newcastle**  
Released by: **George Malim, Lieutenant 530-889-7862**

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### **SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:**

A dangerous fugitive was arrested and five innocent people were rescued after a shootout with members of the Placer County Sheriff's Department Special Enforcement Team (S.E.T.) .

Acting on information received from a citizen, S.E.T. members from the Sheriff's Department main office in Auburn and Tahoe City substation were in the process of surrounding a home in rural Newcastle when the fugitive started shooting at them. The fugitive, David Virgo, 42, of Applegate, was a parolee at large who was considered armed and dangerous and was wanted for a felony assault.

Deputies were aware that there were at least three other persons in the house with Virgo. S.E.T members introduced tear gas into the residence and five people, two males and three females, exited the building. As deputies were trying to reach the people, Virgo continued shooting at the deputies. They returned fire and drove Virgo away from the windows. Over the next hour, Virgo ignored repeated commands to exit the home unarmed and he moved from room to room and shot at deputies from the windows. Deputies returned fire. Eventually Virgo announced that he was surrendering and he threw two handguns out of the house. He exited the house and was taken into custody without further incident. Virgo received only a minor cut to his finger. One victim



**David Virgo**

received a minor cut to the head after being struck by Virgo earlier in the evening. No other victims or deputies were injured. Virgo was booked into the Placer County Jail on charges of attempted murder, felon in possession of a firearm, felony assault, and a parole violation. He is being held without bail.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that the deputies acted properly, within policy, and with great restraint. Their actions led to the successful rescue of innocents and the arrest of an armed and dangerous felon.